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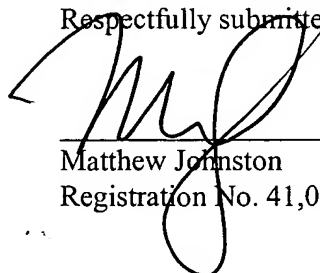
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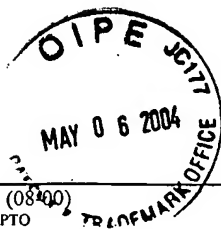
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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1-3,8,10-12	US 6216927 B1 (Meritt) See Figs 4 & 11
X	1-3,5,9,10,14	US 6405909 B1 (Burnett) See Figs 10 & 11
X	1,2,9,10	US 2001/0039903 A1 (Patterson) See Figs 3, 4, 7 & 8
X	1,2,8,10	EP 0925998 A2 (Bell) See Figs 5-7
X	1,2,9,10	US 6097448 A [✓] (Perkins) See Fig 1
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